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Plugs for the medullary canal of a bone.

Title (de)
Pfropfen für die Markhöhle eines Knochens.

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Bouchons pour le canal médullaire d'un os.

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Abstract (en)
An implant 22, e.g. for locating a hip prosthesis, is placed in the medullary canal 18 of a bone 20 (e.g. the femur) and secured by pressurised cement 24. A push-fit plug 10 prevents cement penetrating down the canal. The plug. can be biodegradable so that in time it dissolves away and does not modify the flexural rigidity of the cement/ bone system and the risk of fractures occurring at the level of the plug is reduced. Additionally or alternatively, the outwardly facing end portion 16 of the plug may be generally conical so that the thickness of the cement increases gradually and the flexural rigidity likewise changes gradually.

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